GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2814
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2005
NSSO SURVEY ON AGRICULTURE
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent survey by National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) has revealed that agriculture has been rendered economically unviable with per acre yield dwindling and land holdings squeezing over the years;

(b) if so, the extent of decline in per acre yield and the size of land holdings since the beginning of the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether the Government has revised the existing policy or proposes to evolve a new Agriculture Policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The situation assessment survey of farmers submitted by National Sample Survey Organisation in July 2005 has estimated that 27 per cent of the farmer households do not like farming since they consider this profession as unprofitable.

(b): Although the per hectare yield has been fluctuating, it has generally shown increasing trend over the years in case of most of the crops. The position of yield is given in Annexure. Further, as per the available reports, the average size of the operational land holdings has declined due to increase in population and other socio-economic factors.

(c)&(d): No, Sir. There is no such proposal at this stage.

Annexure

Staement referred to in reply to Part (b) of the Lok-Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2814 to be anaswered on 12th December, 2005.

Yield (Kg./hectare)

Name of the Crop	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Rice	1900	1921	1986	1901	2079	1744	2077
Wheat	2485	2590	2778	2708	2762	2610	2713
Jowar	697	859	847	764	771	754	763
Bajra	791	748	650	688	869	610	1145
Maize	1711	1797	1792	1822	2000	1681	2039
Arhar	551	787	786	618	679	651	672
Gram	811	803	833	744	853	717	813
Groundnut	1040	1214	766	977	1127	694	1364
Rapeseed & Mustard	668	869	960	935	1002	854	1151
Soyabean	1079	1100	1138	822	940	762	1210
Cotton	208	224	225	190	186	191	309
Sugarcane	71134	71203	70935	68577	67370	63576	58986